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**Romance in Real Life.**  
A gentleman of the second district of this city was on board of the ill-fated steamer Arctic, when she got lost on the 27th of September, 1854. The sad news reached here that he was among the missing, and cast a gloom in his household, for he had a family—a young and pretty wife, and a child. He was well to do in the world, and left property sufficient for their maintenance. The young widow mourned her lost husband sincerely doubtless; but sorrow is not everlasting, and as the long years rolled past, the mourning weeds disappeared, the roses on her cheeks bloomed again, and smiles played on her rosy lips. She was young and pretty, and suitors were not wanting. She married again. Several years of quiet bliss have passed since the day she took a new companion in life, and now, suddenly, the electric spark of lightning, flying with the speed of light, has struck at its base, so as to make it totter and crumble. A dispatch from the Baffie, received yesterday, announced the arrival of the long lost first husband. Clinging to some piece of the wreck, he had floated to distant shores, where for six long years he lived with the hope of meeting once more the beloved ones he had left at home, but unable to find a homeward bound vessel.

N. O. Picayune, Aug. 6.

Some of the Breckinridge-Yancey Editors have discovered the mare's nest that John Bell voted against the rule forbidding the reception of Abolition Petitions by the House of Representatives, and from this fact draw the inference that his tendencies are towards abolition. These Editors little dreamed how much their logic would prove, for Senator Clingman voted on the subject of the Abolition petitions precisely as Mr. Bell did, and if Bell's vote tinctures him with abolition, Senator Clingman is in like manner tinctured for giving the same vote. But the truth is, time has proved that both Mr. Bell and Mr. Clingman voted exactly right. Although we did not think so at the time, we have long since been convinced that the South made a very bad, and mischievous mistake, in refusing "to receive the abolition petitions." This refusal enabled the abolitionists to connect with their execrable cause, the championship of "the sacred right of petition," and attracted thousands to their black banner, who would never have been found under it if the petitions had been received, and the prayers of them rejected.

The Breckinridge-Yancey men will in vain search John Bell's record to find one act of his which was not in conformity with the constitution and the rights of all the parties to it.

[Raleigh Register.]

John Bell having been recently attacked by some in the South, because of his course in Congress relating to the reception of abolition petitions, we propose to let him vindicate it in his own language. We copy from a letter of his in the Nashville Patriot of the 21st inst., to the Hon. G. R. Gilmer, under date 8th of August, 1840.

"My opinion was, says John Bell, that, whether the petitioners had strict right on their side or not, sound policy dictated the reception and reference of their petitions. I believe that any unusual course in regard to them would give undue importance to the movements of the abolitionists, furnish new ground for agitation, and rather increase the existing excitement than allay it. In my opinion, a report from a committee at each session—temperate, yet firm and qualified in its conclusion—would have been well calculated to correct false impressions at the North; to dispel prejudice, and prevent that ferment and angry feeling at the South which, at the stage of the question, was calculated to do mischief. Whether right or wrong and without pretending to censure those friends who differed with me, I have uniformly held these opinions; yet I will add that few gentlemen in the South would be more prepared for prompt and decisive measures of resistance and protection, should the rights and interests of the South come in collision with this subject over which we have been invaded through Congress or otherwise than myself."

The Orchards of Aiken, S. C.

A writer in Aiken contributes the following information to the Laurensville Herald, S. C.:

The orchards, especially of peaches, in the vicinity, are very expensive and very profitable. Some by a peach orchard alone, realize annually some \$5,000 to \$10,000, and nothing pays better profits to the farmer for time and attention. The lands are extremely poor, and are sown only to this culture and that of grapes. Vineyards often yield \$10,000, and are being extensively cultivated. There are fortunes to be made yet in Laurens district by the peach and grape culture; and instead of planting poor and worn out land every year in corn and cotton, and losing our labor, were we to plant some fifty acres in peaches or twenty in grapes, and attend them properly, we would realize, with little labor, thousands of dollars where now the crop puts us in debt.

The Western Grain Crop.

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